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# Fraternity Fight Night knocked down and dragged off campus

Holly Burke  
MUSTANG DAILY

Months of student work and planning were thwarted when an event put on by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was cancelled Monday by Ken Barclay, Director of Student Life and Leadership at Cal Poly.

The Fraternity Fight Night event was to be held Saturday, March 11 in Mott Gym. The event was to feature 30 men, representing many Cal Poly fraternities, in a series of boxing matches.

Because of the cancellation, it will now be held on Saturday at 7 p.m. at SLO Kickboxing. The fighters will meet in "smoker matches," matches arranged for people who have not boxed in a ring before.

Fraternity Fight Night was planned primarily by Tommy Van Gelder, a biomedical engineering graduate student and member of Pi Kappa Alpha. Van Gelder began planning the event in September 2005. The event was approved, with a few stipulations, by the athletic department on Dec. 6, 2005.

However, Van Gelder received an e-mail on Monday from Barclay notifying him the event was cancelled.

"This type of activity, in my opinion, does not relate to the student development mission and purpose of the University, the student affairs division, nor your fraternity."

## The risks to the individual participants far outweighs the value of this event.

—Ken Barclay  
director of Student Life and Leadership

Although the cause might be very well-intended, the risks to the individual participants far outweighs the value of this event," Barclay said in the e-mail. "Therefore, this event is cancelled effective immediately. I am very, very sorry for this late notice and all the effort that you and others have given to it."

Van Gelder had spent months planning the

event that was cancelled only four days before it was to take place.

"Yeah, time spent planning the event went down the drain ... money spent on the event went down the drain, but the hardest thing for me was telling 30 guys from separate fraternities that there wasn't going to be an event," Van Gelder said.

The fighters had been training since January for the event.

"One of the things I feel badly about is that (the event) got under my radar," Barclay said. "I wasn't aware of it until Friday (March 3)."

Barclay is also concerned that the event is centered around students beating each other up.

Profits generated by Fraternity Fight Night were to be given to the San Luis Obispo Special Olympics and Cal Poly Athletics. Van Gelder anticipated earning up to \$26,000, and planned for the majority of the money to go to SLO Special Olympics.

A number of community sponsors were involved with the event, including SLO

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# Court upholds recruiting law

Shreya Rao  
THE CHRONICLE (DUKE)

DURHAM, N.C. — The Supreme Court ruled in a 8-0 vote Monday afternoon to uphold the Solomon Amendment, which requires Duke University campuses to allow equal access to students for military recruiters.

The case, *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR)*, was argued before the Supreme Court in December. Duke Law Professor Erwin Chemerinsky was a plaintiff in the case.

Chemerinsky and FAIR, backed by law schools across the nation, argued that the Solomon Amendment was unconstitutional because it violates the First Amendment rights of the freedom and association of universities that do not support the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policies of the military.

Chemerinsky explained that law schools maintain an anti-discriminatory standard, one that some say contrasts with military recruitment standards. Based on this policy, campuses — including the law schools of Harvard University and Yale University — began barring recruiters from campus facilities.

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# BIG WAVES HIT SLO

By Joe Sargent

MUSTANG DAILY

**D**a Bull, Mr. Maverick's and Z-boy will be at the Fremont Theatre this Thursday for the showing of "Riding Giants."

Greg Noll, a pioneer in big-wave riding, Jeff Clark, the founder of the big-wave break, Mavericks, and Stacy Peralta, a surfboarder turned filmmaker, will all be on hand for the showing of "Riding Giants" as part of the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival.

"Riding Giants" is a documentary about big-wave riding, the sport of the surfers who ride the world's most powerful waves. The film follows the lives of the surfers who ride these waves, from the moment they are born to the moment they die.

The film is a tribute to the surfers who have made the sport of big-wave riding what it is today. It is a story of the surfers who have risked their lives to ride the world's most powerful waves.

"I looked over the drug lined with paparazzi; I looked over to Stacy (Peralta) and said, 'I had celebrities coming. Stacy said, 'No, this is for you, I just figured if I told you, you wouldn't have come,'" Noll said about the festival when it hit him how big the film was.

"I saw Robert Redford watching Greg Noll on screen and thought, 'This is the Twilight Zone,'" Noll said.

After the Sundance film festival, the stars traveled around America with the movie and in turn the genre became a cult classic during this time. The San Luis Obispo International Film Festival will be showing the film.

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At 17, Noll moved to Hawaii to chase his dream of riding big waves. By 30, Noll and his surfing counterparts had made Waimea Bay the place to surf for big-wave riders, had started his own surfboard company, produced a surfing magazine and started producing surf films.

Noll and Bud Brown were the originators of the surf film, but back in those days surf premieres were a different scene. There were no

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## Fight

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Kickboxing, Wild 106 FM, KKFX, Left Coast T-Shirt Company, FedEx Kinko's, Tahoe Joe's, Meathead Movers, MG Sports Supplements and Downtown Brewing Company. Radio commercials had been running to advertise the event until Tuesday, and television commercials that were set to run were cancelled.

Insurance policies were also taken to cover the event. Van Gelder paid for an accident policy for the fighters and a general liability policy for those anticipated to attend the event.

According to a confirmation e-mail approving the event that Van Gelder received on Dec. 6, the athletic department required the group to rent tiles to cover the floor of Mott Gym, hire or provide adequate security for the event and contact Sgt. Lori Hashim of the University Police Department to discuss the event. Van Gelder met the stipulations

and paid to rent the tiles, met with Hashim and deposited money for the security.

Nevertheless, the event was still cancelled.

"The high risk involved far outweighed the purpose of the event, enough to warrant cancellation even this last minute. But I really feel badly for the lateness of it," Barclay said.

He added that office procedures were being modified so that this does not happen again.

Upon receiving the e-mail, Van Gelder forwarded to all those involved in the event.

"I found the e-mail disrespectful," said Mike Steele, a civil engineering sophomore, member of Theta Chi and fighter-in-training for the event. "The wording describing the event undermined the effort that goes into (boxing). It lowered the sport to frat guys punching each other. The short notice of the cancellation was disrespectful as well."

Though Van Gelder and his fraternity are no longer allowed to be associated with the event, it, though slightly modified, will still be held.

## Recruiting

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The Solomon Amendment was passed in 1995 to grant military recruiters the right to recruit on such campuses. Congressional legislation in 2000 and 2002 denied federal funds to any university that barred military recruiters.

Universities retaliated by allowing recruiters on campus, but not giving them equal access to that of other on-campus recruiters.

In 2005, Congress declared that access for recruiters was not sufficient and demanded that military recruiters be given access equal to that of other on-campus recruiters in order to receive funds from the federal government.

Although the Duke School of Law never adopted policies that would bar military recruiters from the campus, opposition to the Solomon Amendment was voiced through groups such as OUTLaw — a student-run organization seeking to support the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals on campus — and the Duke Chapter of the American Constitution Society.

Professors like Chemerinsky also opposed the amendment. Chemerinsky explained that denying campuses funding based on the Solomon Amendment is, in itself, unconstitutional.

"The government can't offer a benefit on the grounds that a person has to forego a constitutional right," Chemerinsky said in December.

Katharine Bartlett, dean of the School of Law, said the court's decision will not change students' ability to protest the Solomon Amendment.

"Students will continue to express their views and we will continue to make available forums for students (to voice their opinions)," she said.

In an interview before the December hearing, Chemerinsky explained that law schools must maintain an anti-discriminatory policy.

"Every aspect of our law school must be open to all of our students," he said.

"We can refuse to associate with others if we disagree with their views," Chemerinsky added, explaining the constitutional right of association.

Monday's decision by the Supreme Court is the final say on the issue.

"It's obviously disappointing for us," Chemerinsky said. "The Supreme Court had no sensitivity in understanding the law school's policy."

In the writ of certiorari — the document that delivers the opinion of the court — the justices explained that forcing the schools to open their campuses to military recruiters was not an infringement on First Amendment rights.

"Nothing about recruiting suggests that law schools agree with any speech by recruiters, and nothing in the Solomon Amendment restricts what the law schools may say about the military's policies," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the Opinion of the Court.

With the Court's decision finalized, Chemerinsky said those opposing the amendment must look to the future.

"Now what is important is to have protests and to have outrage expressed," he said, noting that the new goal must be to change the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of the military and its "homophobic stereotypes."

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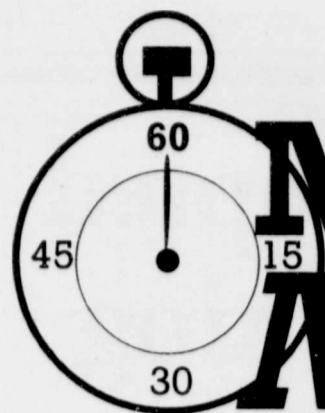
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## WHO SAID THAT?

The worst thing about Europe is that you can't go out in the middle of the night and get a Slurpee.

— Tellis Frank

There is only one admirable form of the imagination: The imagination that is so intense that it creates a new reality, that it makes things happen.

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# Cal Poly

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**Bar:** Black Sheep  
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**Band:** Dispatch  
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Ireland.

— have a superpower, what would it be?  
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— have any theme music to live by, what would it be?  
"Funky Cold Medina" by Tone Loc

— date any celebrity?  
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### Other

**Shout out:** Phelix, Peter, Francis, Lady, Mercedes, Senor and the roomies, you too Grec-Fab!

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## State briefs

**GLENDORA (AP)** — A medical marijuana user, whose cultivation charge was dropped, said he's having trouble getting the confiscated pot from police.

The cultivation case against Antonio Perry, 33, was thrown out by a Superior Court judge in Pomona after he produced a doctor's note stating his marijuana was for medical use. Perry, who now lives in La Verne, said Glendora police have no right to keep his pot and seeds.

"I spent years trying to cultivate those breeds. The seeds are irreplaceable," Perry said. The marijuana, growing equipment and rifles were seized by police during a March 2005 raid on his Glendora mobile home.

**SAN BERNARDINO (AP)** — The state Republican Party is investigating its voter-registration "bounty" program because more than 3,000 apparently fraudulent registration cards were uncovered in the county.

The district attorney's office began an investigation after a request by the county registrar of voters and the county GOP.

**SANTA CRUZ (AP)** — A faculty-appointed task force that investigated last year's arrests at the so-called Tent University at University of California, Santa Cruz, wants college administrators to come up with a new way of handling student protests.

The task force said students dealing with fee increases, shrinking financial aid, erosion of popular programs and campus labor unrest feel "excluded from decision making." Administrators should "learn to communicate constructively" with students, the group said.

**MOUNT SHASTA (AP)** A seasoned ski instructor and mountain guide was found dead in a powder-filled tree well, the 10th skier or snowboarder to die in Northern California since late January.

# San Bernardino deputy to face attempted manslaughter charge in airman shooting

Greg Risling  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN BERNARDINO** — A sheriff's deputy, who was videotaped shooting an unarmed Iraq War veteran after a car chase, will be charged with attempted voluntary manslaughter, authorities said Tuesday.

The decision to charge Deputy Ivory J. Webb, 45, was announced by San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael A. Ramos.

Sheriff Gary Penrod said Webb will remain on paid administrative leave during the investigation into the shooting of Air Force Senior Airman Elio Carrion, 21.

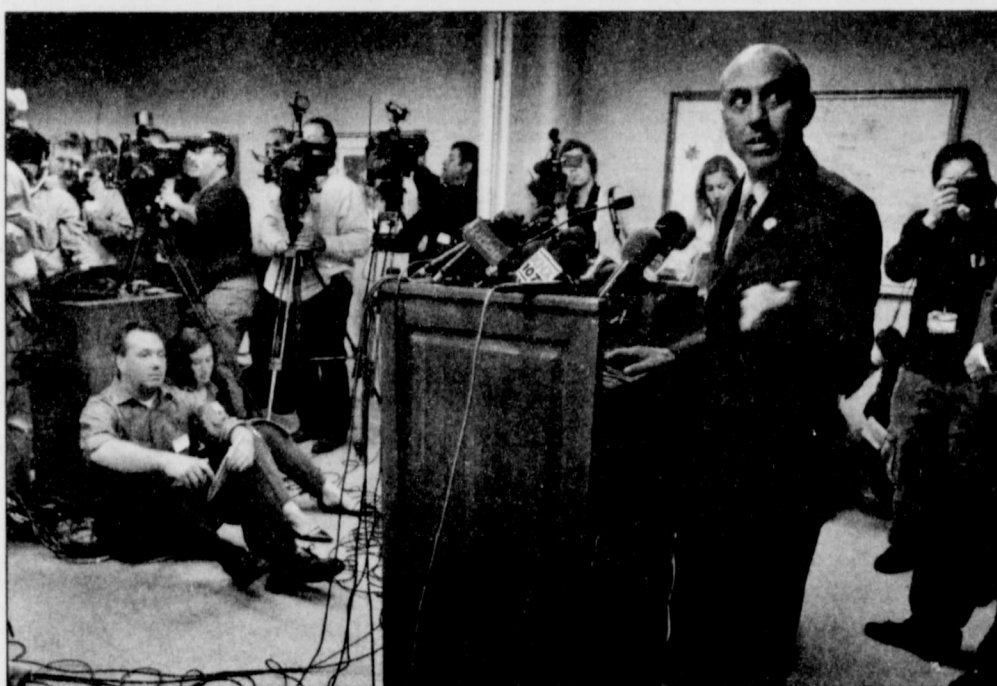
"I respect the decision of the district attorney's office," Penrod said.

It is the first time the county's prosecutors have filed charges against a lawman for an on-duty shooting.

Webb's arraignment was set for Wednesday. If convicted, he could face up to 18 1/2 years in prison.

The charge includes the special allegations of infliction of great bodily injury and use of a firearm, Ramos said at a news conference. In California, such enhancements can result in extra prison time.

An attempted-murder charge was



Michael Ramos, center, San Bernardino County District Attorney, announced during a news conference Tuesday his office filed a charge of Attempted Voluntary Manslaughter against San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Ivory Webb in the shooting of Elio Carrion.

not filed because there was no finding of malice, Ramos said.

Carrion, an Air Force security officer just back from Iraq, was a passenger in a Corvette that police chased at high speed on the night of Jan. 29 until the Corvette crashed into a wall in Chino, about 45 miles east of Los Angeles.

A grainy videotape shot by a bystander showed Carrion on the ground next to the car with Webb

standing and pointing at gun at him.

A voice appears to order Carrion to rise, but when the airman appears to begin complying, the deputy shoots him three times. Carrion was shot in the chest, shoulder and thigh and was hospitalized for several days.

Authorities found no weapons on Carrion or the driver, Luis Escobedo.

Prosecutors announced they were

charging Escobedo with a felony of attempting to evade a peace officer while driving recklessly and a misdemeanor for driving under the influence. He was expected to surrender Wednesday. The maximum penalty if convicted would be 3 1/2 years in prison.

Webb has made no public comment since the incident.

Carrion's sister, Monique Carrion, 22, was surprised by Tuesday's announcement.

"We've just been trying to stay strong and help my brother get better," she said in a telephone interview. "Just give him support, which is what he needs right now."

The FBI is investigating possible civil rights violations. The sheriff's department conducted its own probe and gave the results to the district attorney's office.

At the time, the sheriff said the videotape "arouses a lot of suspicion," but he pointed out that it is fuzzy and contains gaps.

Ramos assigned two top attorneys to review the shooting and requested an FBI enhancement of the videotape.

Charging Webb was a "difficult decision," Ramos said, but enhancing the videotape "made our decision easier."

## GOP needs to agree on public works plan, Assembly speaker says

Steve Lawrence  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SACRAMENTO** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger must round up support within his own party if he and lawmakers are to have even a remote chance of meeting a looming deadline to place public works bonds on the June ballot, the leader of the state Assembly said.

"The Republican leadership and the governor are not on the same page at this point, four days before a deadline..." Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, said Monday. "Once they get on the same page —

Republicans, that is — we can have negotiations that are more fruitful."

The Republican governor and legislative leaders have been trying to agree on a massive public works spending plan that Schwarzenegger announced in January. They are seeking a package of bond measures to help pay for highways, public transit systems, levee upgrades, new schools and a number of other infrastructure projects.

Secretary of State Bruce McPherson has set Friday as the cut-off date to put bond proposals on the June 6 ballot, but Nunez suggested the secretary would stretch that deadline as much as five or six days if Schwarzenegger requested.

"It's all a question of how fast we can print ballots, how fast the information can get out to the voters," Nunez said. "Obviously, you want to be careful that voters (living) overseas get an opportunity to vote, but I think there is some wiggle room there."

A spokeswoman for McPherson, Nghia Nguyen Demovic, rereleased a letter that the secretary of state sent to Schwarzenegger in January saying that any bond measures passed by the Legislature after Friday would go on the November ballot.

"Based on the information we have today, the drop-dead deadline is still March 10," Demovic said.

Nunez said Democratic lawmakers in the Assembly and Senate are "pretty much on the same page" as far as

how to use the bond funds and are close to agreeing on how much bond borrowing lawmakers and the governor should ask voters to approve.

But he characterized Schwarzenegger and his Republican counterparts in the Legislature as being further apart.

Schwarzenegger's original plan envisioned \$222.6 billion in spending over 10 years, part of which would be funded through \$68 billion in voter-approved bonds in a series of elections through 2014. He hoped to put the first of those bond proposals on the June or November ballot this year.

Last week, the governor asked for another \$3.5 billion in bonds for levee repairs, but aides said the overall amount of bonds was negotiable.

Democrats, however, have said they have other spending priorities, and want a bond proposal of about \$30 billion that would be voted on in one election, Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, said Monday.

Some Republicans are also concerned about whether the state can afford the level of borrowing proposed by Schwarzenegger. Republicans, at least those in the Assembly, want a pay-as-you-go approach that they say would reduce the need to sell bonds.

"The biggest problem we have (in reaching an agreement) is ... where Assembly Republicans are," Perata said. "They are at zero. They do not

believe we should have bonds."

Assembly minority leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Schwarzenegger needs the votes of at least two Republicans in the Senate and six in the Assembly to muster the two-thirds majorities required to pass a bond bill.

A spokesman for Schwarzenegger, H.D. Palmer, said the governor would continue talking to lawmakers in both parties to try to reach a deal.

"There are also differences with what the governor has proposed and some of the proposals Democrats have put forward," Palmer said. "That's just an observation of where the process is."

The governor has said he wants the first of the bonds to go on the ballot in June, but he's given different signals about how important it is to reach an agreement in time to make that ballot.

On Sunday, as he wrapped up an appearance at his Arnold Classic fitness exposition in Ohio, he said he and lawmakers should work around the clock this week to get a deal by Friday.

"If you don't shoot for June, you don't stand a chance to possibly make it," said Palmer, spokesman for the state Department of Finance. "That's clearly been what the governor has said and other leaders have said. We'll see where this week's discussions take us."

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## National briefs

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Congress was poised to send President Bush a renewal of the Patriot Act Tuesday night after months of bitter fighting, authorizing law enforcement to keep its anti-terror tools but with some new curbs on government prying.

A final House vote and Bush's signature would make 14 provisions of the 2001 law permanent before they expired on March 10. Two other provisions would have expired in four years.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Barry Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs, including steroids and human growth hormone, for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to a book written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters. An excerpt from "Game of Shadows," which details the San Francisco slugger's extensive doping program, appears in the March 13 issue of Sports Illustrated.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Former Enron Corp. Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow testified Tuesday he crafted and ran partnerships to help the company hide losses and inflate profits with the blessing of his boss, Jeffrey Skilling. Fastow appeared contrite in his much-anticipated courtroom confrontation with Skilling and Enron founder Kenneth Lay, who are on trial for fraud and conspiracy stemming from Enron's spectacular 2001 collapse.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Five weeks after ABC anchorman Bob Woodruff was seriously injured in an Iraqi explosion, he remains hospitalized but is able to say a few words and is starting to walk, his brother said Tuesday.

"In the last couple of days, he's taken a lot of great leaps forward," David Woodruff said. "He's definitely doing so much better."

Bob Woodruff and ABC cameraman Doug Vogt were standing in the hatch of an Iraqi mechanized vehicle, reporting on the war from the Iraqi troops' perspective, when the roadside bomb exploded Jan. 29. Both were wearing body armor, which doctors say likely saved their lives.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Chevron Corp. sought to ameliorate Wall Street on Tuesday by pledging that its oil and natural gas production would rise 24 percent by 2010, and it announced plans for a possible major expansion of a Mississippi refinery.

Chevron, speaking at an annual gathering of Wall Street analysts, said it would spend between \$15 billion and \$16 billion a year through 2008 — up from \$11 billion in 2005 — to keep annual production growth above 3 percent for the next five years.

Analysts said they were generally pleased with the company's growth forecasts, though they remained concerned about the execution and timing of the projects, especially after Chevron said its 2006 output would be 60,000 barrels per day lower than originally forecast because of production delays in the hurricane-ravaged Gulf of Mexico.

## Illegal immigrants rise to 12 million; 5 percent of workers in U.S.

Stephen Ohlemacher  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON** — The number of illegal immigrants in the United States has grown to as many as 12 million, and they now account for about one in every 20 workers, a new estimate says.

Efforts to curb illegal immigration have not slowed the pace, said a report Tuesday by the Pew Hispanic Center.

Instead, the report's author said, those efforts are having an unintended consequence: People who illegally enter the United States from Mexico are staying longer because it is harder to move back and forth across the border.

"The security has done more to keep people from going back to Mexico than it has to keep them from

coming in," said Jeffrey Passel, a senior research associate at the center.

It is difficult to accurately measure the number of illegal immigrants in the United States, but most public agencies and private groups had settled on a figure of about 11 million.

The Pew Hispanic Center used Census Bureau data to estimate that the United States had 11.1 million illegal immigrants in March 2005. The center used monthly population estimates to project a current total of 11.5 million to 12 million.

The report estimated that 850,000 illegal immigrants have arrived in United States each year since 2000.

President Bush has called for a program that would grant temporary worker status to illegal immigrants already here. The House rejected the

program and instead passed a border security bill last year that leaned toward lawmakers who were calling for a crackdown.

The Senate is trying to address both border security and the temporary worker program, but consensus has been elusive. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has said he hopes his panel will produce a bill by the end of March.

There are about 7.2 million undocumented workers in the U.S., or about 5 percent of the country's work force, the Pew report said.

It estimated that illegal immigrants fill a quarter of all agricultural jobs, 17 percent of office and house cleaning positions, 14 percent of construction jobs and 12 percent in food preparation.

"Especially if we look at the Mexicans, these are people with fairly low levels of formal education," Passel said. "They're not able to get licensing or credentials in the United States because of their status, so the kinds of jobs available to them in the United States are somewhat limited."

Business leaders and advocates for immigrants' rights argue that America's economy would collapse if all the illegal workers were deported.

"Undocumented immigrants do pay taxes, and they do contribute to the economic, social and cultural developments of their communities," said Peta Ikambana of the American Friends Service Committee. The group was organizing a rally near the Capitol on Tuesday to protest the House bill.

## Bush administration tells Iran it must not enrich nuclear fuel

Anne Gearan  
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**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration drew a hard line on Iran Tuesday, warning of "meaningful consequences" if the Islamic government does not back away from an international confrontation over its disputed nuclear program.

Edging toward the U.N. Security Council review it has long sought, Washington rejected any potential 11th-hour compromise that would allow Iran to process nuclear fuel that could be used for weapons.

Vice President Dick Cheney said the United States and other nations are agreed that "we will not allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon." He said, "The Iranian regime needs to know that if it stays on its present course, the international community is prepared to impose meaningful consequences."

Speaking to the pro-Israel lobbying group AIPAC, Cheney did not specify what the U.S. would do but said it "is keeping all options on the table." American officials have said the government has no plans for military force but will not rule it out.

The United States, Israel and several Arab nations fear development of an Iranian bomb would put Israel at risk or forever change the balance of power in the Middle East.

Russia, which has played middleman on Iran since the breakdown of talks between Tehran and European nations, reassured U.S. officials that it remains on board as the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency again took up the Iran case in Vienna. The Security Council could have full purview over the issue by week's end, but there is no timetable for action there.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the United States is not seeking sanctions against Iran "as a first matter."

Russia has proposed a joint venture in which it would enrich uranium on Iran's behalf, keeping that critical component of the nuclear fuel process from potential misuse in Iran. The United States supports the plan in principle, but Iran has not signed on.

Rice and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov rejected the notion of a separate compromise that would see Iran suspend full-scale uranium enrichment for up to

two years but retain a small enrichment program.

"The United States has been very clear that enrichment and reprocessing on Iranian soil is not acceptable because of the proliferation risk," Rice said.

A diplomat told The Associated Press that Iran made the suspension offer during talks in Moscow last week. The offer reflected Tehran's attempts to escape Security Council action over the enrichment, which can be used to make nuclear arms. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because the information was confidential.

"There is no compromise new Russian proposal," Lavrov said.

Russia, which has veto power as a permanent member of the Security Council, is perhaps Tehran's most important ally and business partner. Russia has gone along with U.S. efforts to refer the nuclear issue to the council but has never said it would support sanctions or other harsh punishment there.

"Have you seen a proposal for any sanctions?" Lavrov snapped at reporters following an Oval Office meeting with President Bush on Tuesday. "This is a hypothetical question, yes?"

At the State Department earlier, Lavrov appeared to warn the United States not to push Iran so hard that it withdraws from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty or kicks out international inspectors.

The treaty allows for some U.N. oversight of a nascent nuclear program that Iran says is meant to one day produce nuclear energy, not bombs. The U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency has accused Iran of violating the treaty and concealing the extent of its nuclear activities. A possible Security Council rebuke could be based on those findings, along with anything new that inspectors turn up.

## KATRINA CLEAN-UP



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Agent Wade Carter leads his dog 'Buddy' on a cadaver search outside a home in the lower 9th Ward on Monday.

## Home demolitions begin in New Orleans

Cain Burdeau  
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**NEW ORLEANS** — Herbert Warren Jr. watched as an excavator scooped out the innards of the small wood-frame home he bought in 1962 and where he raised eight children.

The home, swept off its foundation by Hurricane Katrina, was demolished Monday as New Orleans began the slow and emotional job of tearing down houses that last year's hurricanes wrecked beyond repair.

"The thing is, we thought we had it made, and then this!" said the 77-year-old retired longshoreman, who evacuated with his wife to Houston. With no plans to rebuild on the land where he lived for much of his adult life, Warren said he was uncertain about his future.

The demolition is a key step in the cleanup process that could also lead to the discovery of more bodies. Dogs trained to find bodies will search the sites as houses are disassembled. The official count of deaths directly related to Katrina in Louisiana is 1,080.

On Monday, three homes were torn down in three of the worst-hit neighborhoods, where flooding lifted buildings off their foundations and blocked streets.

Activists had sued in December to stop the bulldozing out of fear homeowners wouldn't be notified or have a chance to pick through their belongings. City officials agreed in January to a notification process, saying they wanted to quickly tear down only homes that posed an imminent threat to safety.

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# THE ART BEAT

film, art, music and everything in between

## Ten Ruminations Upon Watching MTV's 10 Spot

1. The brains-in-a-vat behind MTV's prime-time programming emphasize modern ambiguity tenfold over actual comprehension. The 10 Spot intro, once the destination site for "Daria" clips and off-color jokes, held a brief flirtation with actual music videos last year. Now it settles for the self-promoting image of a clicking, grunting silver orb in a middle-class living room. A terrifying prophecy of times to come?

2. "Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Gauntlet 2" forces me to reach for the dictionary and then promise to read "Anna Karenina" for intellectual debt repayment. What is a gauntlet? Apparently, a crude form of torture that involves two rows of spear-wielding warriors. Sounds remarkably narrow-minded for the network, whose original "Real World" season spawned a virtual galaxy of spin-off shows, including entire 30-minute reunion specials where cheesed-off castmates bellow at each other like the spaceships in "War of the Worlds."

3. There is no man in the entire "Gauntlet 2" I wish to shamelessly ogle, which is alarming and ultimately proves that nothing good has come from this entire genre of programming. "Real World," the granddaddy of reality shows, pushed the Culture of Celebrity forward first with its voyeuristic



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fanaticism for pretty people. Some victory; seeing twentysomethings cry and score is the cornerstone of my undergraduate education. Amateurs can do a lot of things, like shop at the Gap and fall at the Olympics, but they don't have any inherent capacity to entertain beyond the ego-aggrandizing wit-cisms they provoke.

4. There is a vocal inflection used by all MTV reality "celebrities." It's a vowel extension placed on a whine after a new-age, upchuck-inducing office cliché. Example: "Derrick is a team player, a real solid competitor, but the Gauntlet is nooooooot about friendship; it's aaaaaaall for the glooooooory." Try it for your speech communication final.

5. Boy bands will fade over corporate media's icy dead body. Introducing "There and Back: Ashley Parker Angel," basic cable's latest oeuvre about a little blond bitch who can't stop whining.

The former O-Town singer gamely commutes on an existential train wreck of self-reflection with endless complaining, shallow Freudian analysis, and flat singing. This is somehow tolerated by his exhausted fiancée, who tends to their newborn son (horrifically named Lyric). Will this be interesting anytime soon? As evident by Angel's proudly sported "Don't Worry, It Only Seems Kinky At First" T-shirt, truly refined taste comes only with repetition.

6. If you're an average-looking, hairless guy, you can really make a lucrative living starring in body spray commercials. They're omnipresent.

7. The best reason to watch "There and Back" is for the ravaged expressions/hairstyles of Angel's former teen dream comrades, including that one redhead who used to sport a scraggly goatee. These chaps are the saddest reunion in all God and country. White-boy dreadlocks are plentiful.

8. Didn't the programming used to include news, at least about Britney's navel? The end-of-hour headlines are M.I.A. during The 10 Spot. The most assumedly intelligent characters at MTV News, buttoned-up babe Gideon Yago and archaically miserable Kurt Loder, are probably at home popping sedatives.

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## Matisyahu takes beat-flavored risks

Marc Shapiro

THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Often when a little-known band receives mainstream attention, it tends to compromise its sound for something trendier. This is not at all the case with Matisyahu.

With "Youth," the Hasidic singer Matisyahu has achieved what many rising stars strive for but often fail at miserably. He has greatly expanded his sound while staying true to the elements that garnered him respect in the first place — rocking familiar reggae rhythms while throwing dancehall, hip-hop and rock into the mix.

The album is chock-full of musical departures. Bassist Josh Werner trades melody for thumping bass lines on "Indestructible" and "Jerusalem," which exemplify the hip-hop and dancehall influences in Matisyahu. "What I'm Fighting For" is a raw acoustic song about Matisyahu's quest for something "worth far more than silver and gold."

From rapping to beat-boxing and melodic scatting, Matisyahu busts out a whole range of vocal

abilities on the CD.

The title track addresses the importance of keeping the flame of youth alive and not letting society crush its spirit.

Part of the genius of Matisyahu is that his messages, like those of most reggae bands, are not just for one particular group of people, they are universally appealing.

In "Dispatch the Troops," for example, Matisyahu sings "Many names for one God/ Trotting on, through the facade/ You were all my children/ Gotta dig for that feeling/ Love will break through the concealment."

Another aspect of the album that deserves much praise is that Matisyahu's band, Roots Tonic, sounds tighter than ever. Guitarist Aaron Dugan is more melodic in his playing, Josh Werner carries the album with danceable riffs and Jonah David ties it all together, blowing listeners away with a one-minute no-holds-barred drum solo on the track "Ancient Lullaby."

"Youth" will no doubt please the ears of all Matisyahu fans while expanding the audience beyond its core of Jews and reggae supporters.

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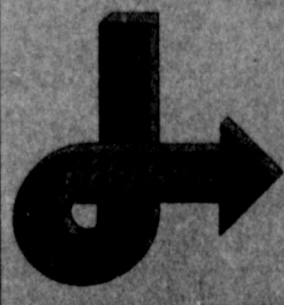
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(Left) Laird Hamilton, one of the most famous big wave surfers in the world, is executive producer for 'Riding Giants,' which premieres tonight at the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival.

(Below) Greg Noll, who is in town for the festival, began surfing in the 1940s and became one of Los Angeles area's best.

## Waves

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VCRs or DVD players so surfers and surf buffs gathered together at film previews, and sometimes it got out of hand.

"I had guys riding in on motorcycles, lighting off cherry bombs. I'd show one of those films and age 20 years," Noll said.

Premieres were events where devoted surfers gathered together to watch and sometimes meet their heroes, and to see what was happening in the world of surfing.

"At a premiere in Santa Monica I had burnt out two of the projection lamps and was down to one. I knew if it went out I was a dead man," Noll said.

Steve Gibby is hoping to bring back that old surf film premiere feeling, minus the cherry bombs and motorcycles, with tomorrow's showing of "Riding Giants."

Gibby has worked in television for over 20 years, has won multiple Emmys, and has covered the Van's

Triple Crown of Surfing and the ASP tour for both ESPN and Fox sports. Gibby is on the SLO International Film Festival board, and with his connections to Noll, Peralta and Clark, he was instrumental in getting the film onto the Fremont's screen.

"Riding Giants" is the perfect film for the prevalent Central Coast surf culture, Gibby said.

"It was a no-brainer to bring these guys here," Gibby said.

Gibby now owns Cut4Media out of Grover Beach.

The showing will conclude with a raffle and a question-and-answer section with the stars, who are some of the most experienced people in the world of surfing and skating.

Stacy Peralta began his career as one of the Z-boys, an innovative skate group from the southside of Santa Monica known as "Dogtown." The area was featured in the documentary film "Dogtown and Z-boys" directed by Peralta, and the major motion picture titled "Lords of Dogtown" starred Heath Ledger and was written by Peralta.

He then went on to start Powell Peralta Skate Company and the Bones Brigade, another influential skate team that pushed conventional skating, and where skating superstar Tony Hawk had his beginnings.

Jeff Clark, or Mr. Maverick's, is the founder of the big-wave surf break Maverick's, in Half Moon Bay. After proving to himself that he could ride the wave, he surfed the break virtually by himself for 15 years, trying to convince surfers that you don't have to leave the country for big waves.

Now Maverick's, along with Jaws in Maui, the home of Laird Hamilton, is one of the world's premiere big-wave breaks.

Clark now owns and operates Jeff Clark Surfboards.

After riding the largest wave in history, Noll moved to Alaska and started commercial fishing, leaving the world of surfing, which was changing quickly during the shortboard revolution of the early '70s.

Noll now lives in Crescent City and makes specialty custom surfboards with his son. His life story was recent-

ly purchased by a Hollywood studio to eventually turn into a film.

"I told them 'Pay me enough so if you screw it up, I can move to Alaska, and won't have to look at anyone I know again,'" Noll said of the deal.

These celebrities of the surfing and skating community will walk down the red carpet on Thursday night, after a limo ride from Mission Grill, where there is going to be a VIP party before the show.

All of the stars of "Riding Giants" have some connection to the Central Coast. Noll ran his commercial fishing boat out of Port San Luis for three years, and Peralta and Clark met on the Central Coast when Peralta picked up a hitch-hiking Clark.

The group will be back tomorrow to show the educating and entertaining film, but as informative as the film



is, it cannot teach the experience of surfing. Only going out and actually surfing can do that, Noll said at a New York press conference.

"Surfing is the kind of thing that if you do you know, but for you son-of-a-bitches who haven't done it, I can't explain it," Noll said.

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9. I feel like I'm stoned — in one reality, there are two "Real Worlds." After "There and Back" recedes menacingly into the distance, it's time for "The Real World: Key West." The first episode assembles the new castmates, all of whom are gorgeous and defiantly impolite, just as Hurricane Katrina hits their bungalow. The young castaways sleep in isolation in hotel rooms and meet a few days later to drink, give each other the sexual green light and mourn the widespread natural disaster for as long as they would a spilled keg. (Maybe less.) One guy salutes, "To Katrina, that bitch!" as they pound shots in the apparent extent of their condolences.

But there is still a relief effort underway, and it doesn't involve tequila. In ignoring the real loss behind the time captured on cam-

era, MTV proves that their fixation on disposable culture has no room for reality. Hurricane Katrina did do slightly more than delay "The Real World," and this was MTV's opportunity to mention the Red Cross or add some semblance of virtue to the plasticized image they promote. It's callous to skip over others and to ardently push the castmates into a glamorous situation when reality begs to differ.

Maybe the network would lose its good-times advertisers if it strayed from whorishly uncomplicated drama, but this decision turns an Antoinette blind eye when help is still needed. Good job, jerks — MTV is as shallow as all the stereotypes suggest.

10. I really miss "Daria."

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## International briefs

**BEIJING (AP)** — China's foreign minister on Tuesday called on Iran to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency to settle the dispute over its nuclear program.

Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing appealed for more negotiation and for all sides in the dispute to stay calm.

"Iran should cooperate closely with the IAEA to settle the nuclear dispute," Li said in a nationally televised news conference held during the annual session of China's parliament.

**VIENNA, Austria (AP)** — OPEC oil ministers, unwilling to cut production with prices lingering above \$60 a barrel, focused Tuesday on political instability, terrorist attacks and other forces giving the world's crude markets the jitters.

Worries over Iran's nuclear ambitions, militant threats in Nigeria and attacks on Middle East facilities stoked concerns about supply disruptions as the 11-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries prepared to map out its pumping and pricing strategies for spring and summer.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — The U.S. ambassador held talks Tuesday with a top Shiite leader as the Shiite majority balked at a first parliamentary session and the prime minister declared he would not allow Sunni and Kurd opponents to "blackmail" him into stepping aside.

The turmoil is threatening to crush American hopes of beginning a troop pullout this summer as violence rages on. Bombings, mortar blasts and gunfire killed 19 more people throughout the country Tuesday, and police also reported finding four more bullet-riddled bodies — two of them with their eyes gouged out.

**VIENNA, Austria (AP)** — Iran is offering to suspend full-scale uranium enrichment for up to two years, a diplomat said Tuesday. But the move was unlikely to deflect pending U.N. Security Council action over the activity, which can be used to make nuclear arms.

The diplomat told The Associated Press the offer was made Friday by chief Iranian negotiator Ali Larijani in Moscow in the context of contacts between Iran and Russia on moving Tehran's enrichment program to Russia. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because the information was confidential.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — Iraq's Shiite prime minister declared Tuesday he will not be blackmailed into abandoning his bid for a second term, and the Kurdish president bowed to Shiite pressure to delay calling parliament into session until a deadlock is resolved over who should lead a unity government.

# Thousands protest in Kenyan capital after police raids

Anthony Mitchell  
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**NAIROBI, Kenya** — About 3,000 opposition supporters and human rights activists marched Tuesday in downtown Nairobi to protest police raids on Kenya's oldest newspaper and its sister television station.

Waving signs and shouting that Internal Security Minister John Michuki "must go," the demonstrators walked peacefully through the Kenyan capital as police stood guard from a distance.

Michuki had ordered Thursday's raids, during which heavily armed and masked police smashed The Standard Group's printing press and disrupted Kenya Television Network's broadcast for 13 hours.

Last week's raids were the first time since Kenya's 1963 independence that the government shut down major media operations. Recently, the country's media have been reporting on corruption scandals swirling around President Mwai Kibaki, who has been seen as increasingly politically isolated.

The raids were condemned by Cabinet ministers, diplomats and citizens.



"It is vital that we have a free press in Kenya," said translator Rhoda Atieno, 31, who participated in Tuesday's protest. "The assault on the Standard newspaper group was outrageous and shouldn't happen in a democracy, and those responsible should go, without negotiation."

Some protesters held signs that read: "Mr. President, Stop Sponsoring State Terrorism."

Michuki on Friday defended the raids, saying police had seized computer files containing evidence of a threat to state security. He did not elaborate.

Three journalists for The Standard also were charged Thursday with causing public alarm by publishing a Feb. 25 report stating that Kibaki had met secretly with a key political opponent. The charges did not explain

how the newspaper story had caused alarm. The journalists had been detained three days earlier, despite laws stipulating they should be held no more than 48 hours without charge.

Kibaki and the National Rainbow Coalition swept 2002 elections on an anti-graft and reform platform, ending 39 years of government led by the Kenya African National Union party.

Kenyan demonstrators carry placards as they march in Nairobi, Tuesday. About 3,000 opposition supporters and human rights activists marched in downtown Nairobi to protest last week's raids on Kenya's oldest newspaper and its sister television station.

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## ISRAEL AND PALESTINE



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**Incoming Hamas Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, center, shakes hands with a Palestinian police officer prior to a meeting at the in Gaza City on Tuesday.**

## Israeli defense minister tells incoming Hamas prime minister to watch his back

Amy Teibel  
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**JERUSALEM** — Israel's defense minister advised the incoming Palestinian prime minister Tuesday to fear for his life if Hamas militants start attacking Israel again.

Meanwhile, acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert vowed that his Kadima Party would shave billions off settlement spending — the first time he has said explicitly he would scale back funding for Israel's 40-year-old settlement enterprise, which has cost tens of billions of dollars.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz's warning to Hamas, recently elected to rule the Palestinian Authority, was the first to identify Hamas' prime minister-designate, Ismail Haniyeh, as a potential target for an Israeli pinpoint attack.

"No one is immune," Mofaz told Army Radio, a day after an Israeli airstrike on an ice cream truck killed two Islamic Jihad militants and three

bystanders in Gaza City. Two of those killed were aged 8 and 14.

Olmert, in a speech in Tel Aviv, said "billions" in settlement spending would be diverted to Jerusalem and to the Negev Desert and Galilee, underdeveloped areas in southern and northern Israel.

"It's no secret that we won't invest in coming years the same sums we once invested in construction and infrastructure development in areas over the Green Line," Olmert said, referring to Israel's frontier before the 1967 Mideast War.

Olmert took over from Ariel Sharon after he suffered a devastating stroke Jan. 4. Olmert spoke just days after his main security adviser, Avi Dichter, said Kadima plans more unilateral withdrawals in the West Bank and hopes to draw its final border within four years.

Polls show Kadima significantly outstripping rivals in Israel's March 28 elections.

## American missing in tape showing Christian Peacemaker hostages

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**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — The American among four Christian Peacemakers activists kidnapped last year in Iraq was absent from a videotape broadcast Tuesday of the exhausted-looking men purportedly appealing to their governments to secure their release.

Al-Jazeera television, which aired the footage, could not explain why Tom Fox, 54, of Clear Brook, Va., was not shown.

In Toronto, the co-director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, Doug Pritchard, said he drew some comfort from seeing three of his colleagues on video again.

"The fact that they're still well after more than three months says that the kidnappers have been concerned for their well-being," Pritchard said. "The fact that there are no demands made or timelines set is also hopeful."

But Allan Slater, a Canadian member of the group, said he was disturbed not to see Fox.

"We certainly are hopeful when we see three of our friends alive, but also it's very distressing that we didn't see Tom Fox, and I wouldn't want to hide that because I'm sure it's very distressful for Tom's family and friends as well," Slater told The Canadian Press from Baghdad.

The hostages seen in the brief video dated Feb. 28 were Canadians James Loney, 41, and Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32; and Briton Norman Kember, 74.

The news anchor said the men asked their governments and Persian Gulf countries to work for their release. Al-Jazeera's policy is to silence the audio on hostage tapes for broadcast.

The tape showed the three men sitting in chairs and speaking. One had white hair and a slight beard; the two others had dark hair and full beards.

The previously unknown Swords of Righteousness Brigades claimed responsibility for kidnapping the four workers, who disappeared Nov. 26.

The four had not been heard from since a videotape aired by Al-Jazeera on Jan. 28, dated from a week before. A statement reportedly accompanying that tape said the hostages would be killed unless all Iraqi prisoners were released from U.S. and Iraqi prisons. No deadline was set.

Iraqi and Western security officials repeatedly warned the activists before their abduction that they were taking a grave risk by moving around Baghdad without bodyguards.

Christian Peacemaker Teams has been working in Iraq since October 2002, investigating allegations that U.S. and Iraqi forces abused Iraqi detainees. Its teams host human rights conferences in conflict zones, promoting peaceful solutions.

In a statement issued from its Chicago headquarters Tuesday, the Christian group said "we continue to pray for their safe and speedy release so that they may return to their families and carry on their peaceful work on behalf of all Iraqi detainees."

The group said 14,600 Iraqis "currently (are) detained illegally by the Multinational Forces in Iraq."

"We believe that the root cause of the abduction of our colleagues is the U.S. and British-led invasion and occupation of Iraq," the statement said.

More than 250 foreigners have been taken hostage in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, and at least 39 have been killed.



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## Act now to stop violence against women

Today is International Women's Day, part of "Women in History Month," both acknowledging women as the makers of history and their continuing struggle to attain equal footing with men in society. But while we celebrate women's achievements, we must remain conscious of the hurdles they still must overcome.

The most severe problem affecting women in America is sexual assault. One in four women is likely to become victims of sexual assault while in college, and women 16 to 19-years-old are four times more likely to be assaulted than any other age group. Sexual assault is by far one of the most heinous crimes and unfortunately these crimes occur quite regularly in San Luis Obispo.

A recent national study showed that, on average, sexual assault occurs every 90 seconds and domestic violence four times every minute. Last year the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center (SARP) of SLO reported 367 sexual assault crimes, and estimate that approximately twice that many went unreported.

Even more frightening than the sheer number of assaults that occur, are the conditions surrounding the incidents. More than 80 percent of sexual assault crimes are committed by acquaintance, and over 75 percent of these

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acquaintance rapes involve alcohol or other debilitating drugs like roofies and GHB.

Clearly there exists a severe problem that is affecting millions of women in America. And I must be clear when I say it's not just the responsibility of women to put an end to the violence. It is time for men to stand up in solidarity and say no more sexual assault!

Last week we held a Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) training for student leaders in ASI as a first step towards creating a campus climate that does not tolerate violence against women. SAFER training is available for free to any club or organization on campus that is interested in educating their membership about the facts behind sexual assault and the strategies to prevent and cope with these crimes. If your group is interested in learning more about SAFER training or other ways to support the effort to end sexual assault, the Women's Center is an incredible resource.

For men, there is a group forming through the Women's Center called '1 in 4' which is committed to training male students to educate peer groups of young men about preventing sexual assault and supporting survivors during the recovery period. Peer-to-peer communication

is the most effective method of delivering messages, so it is extremely important that men join in this effort. Men can stop sexual assault. We can use our power to protect.

For those of us who are committed to stopping sexual crimes against women and keeping our community safe, here are a few tips that we should keep in mind:

- **Assess.** Be able to recognize a potentially threatening situation as it develops, including aggressive behavior, severe intoxication and overly persistent attempts to be alone

- **Acknowledge.** Always be honest with yourself, your friends and others and acknowledge when a potentially threatening situation is occurring.

- **Act.** If you see someone who appears to be at risk, don't hesitate to ask if they're OK. It's as easy as asking if they would like some water or fresh air.

- **Support.** If you encounter a survivor, remember to reassure them that it was not their fault. It can never be the fault of a victim to fall prey to the intolerable acts of a perpetrator.

Always remember the importance of individual action to stop sexual assault. If an incident occurs in a crowded place, the bystander factor usually kicks in, and nobody acts to help the victim. When one courageous person acts, it can break the ice and a community of support will join in. We should all do our best to be that person who breaks the ice and work towards stopping sexual assault.

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COMMENTARY

## Celebrities and Oscars: Who really cares?

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. — I usually catch the Oscars every year out of habit. Being a movie junkie and a reformed E! Television addict, I love to see my favorite stars walk the red carpet and get emotional while making acceptance speeches. That being said, there are always peculiar trends (and not just in clothing) that I find at the Oscars each year.

Usually, I tend to agree with the decisions for best picture, best actor, etc. These films are great works of cinematography; who can deny that "Million Dollar Baby" was phenomenal? But the nominees in many categories just aren't representative of public opinion.

The top domestic grossing movie of 2005 was "Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith." This year's best picture winner, "Crash," was No. 49. Even "The Pacifier," a movie with Vin Diesel and a duck, had it beat. If you ask many college males what their favorite movie of 2005 was, you will probably hear "Wedding Crashers." So why is it that Americans just don't flock to Oscar-caliber movies?

The answer is that we just don't care. This year's Oscar ratings dropped 10 percent from last year. Maybe in these times of war and public dissent, we just don't want to be reminded of the fame and fortune of movie stars and their penchant for using award shows, such as the Oscars, for voicing political opinions.

I was surprised at the speeches of this year's recipients. They were relatively tame. Most of the political jabs came from host Jon Stewart.

Obviously, this is to be expected. In general, everyone was well behaved. Let's not forget that it was only three years ago when we had to listen to Michael Moore's tirade about a "fictitious war and a fictitious president" while he accepted his Oscar.

I have strong opinions about celebrities using their fame to publicize their own religious and political agendas. If you read my column on Tom Cruise and Scientology, you already know this. I would like to believe that Oscar ratings are going down because Americans are wising up to Hollywood agendas.

When we think about all of the disasters that happened in 2005, such as Hurricane Katrina, we do not want to be reminded of just how ridiculously rich celebrities are. Just for being a presenter at the 2006 Oscars, a star could expect to receive a goodie bag valued at more than \$100,000.

The least expensive item in the goodie bag was worth \$600, an amount of money that many inhabitants of this world are likely never to see. I would like to believe that all of the celebrities entitled to receive a goodie bag either donated it or flat-out denied it. But I doubt this is

true.

This is why the Hollywood campaign against piracy is useless in my opinion. The makers of this crusade are going to have to come up with a better premise that doesn't involve me feeling sorry for members of the movie industry. Like many other moviegoers, I am smarter than that, and those efforts are just a waste of time.

And so, I will continue to enjoy great movies as my own personal form of escapism. I will watch the Oscars and other award shows, but I won't forgive the greed of the rich and famous.

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## Basketball

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Division II teams. However, a .500 conference record netted Cal Poly a No. 4 seed in the Big West tournament and a first round bye.

Will the bye be enough for the Mustangs, though? Probably not, as Cal Poly has failed to win more than back-to-back games all season ... and that's with more than a day's rest in-between. To punch a ticket into the NCAA tournament, the Mustangs will need three wins in three nights.

Still, Cal Poly does have several big wins and close calls worth mentioning. The Mustangs went on the road to beat Cal State Fullerton in their Big West opener and had a win stolen by Irvine when an off-balanced Aaron Fitzgerald three-

pointer with under 10 seconds remaining sank the Mustangs. Cal Poly also played Pacific tightly, dropping a 64-62 decision in a game that came down to the final possession.

Many coaches pointed to Long Beach State as a potential upset bid. The 49ers perhaps take even more momentum into the post-season than Pacific following a 20-point drubbing of UC Irvine (By the way, the Anteaters led the game 31-10 at one point).

The 49ers are no strangers to double-digit comebacks this year. Long Beach State trailed Cal Poly by 14 at The Walter Pyramid and put 46 on the board in the second half to win.

"I think we have some very intense competitors on our team and when they feel a sense of

urgency that they might lose, they turn it up a notch," 49ers coach Larry Reynolds said.

Another "dark horse" could be Cal State Fullerton (15-12, 5-9), although coach Bob Burton was quick to downplay his team's recent surge. The Titans came into

the season picked first in the conference in both the pre-season coaches and media polls.

"I don't think the talent is as good as everybody thought it was," Burton said. "I'm not just saying that because we underachieved, but I think the expectations put on this team were ridiculous."

Often overlooked is the loss of Ralph Holmes, the Titans' leading scorer and rebounder, and Yaphett King to graduation, Burton said.

The Titans have won five of their last seven games and finally appear to be living up to the pre-season hype. With the No. 6 seed, though, comes the daunting task of winning four games in as many nights.

"I don't know if we're playing consistent enough to win four games," Burton said. "We can play with anybody and we can lose to

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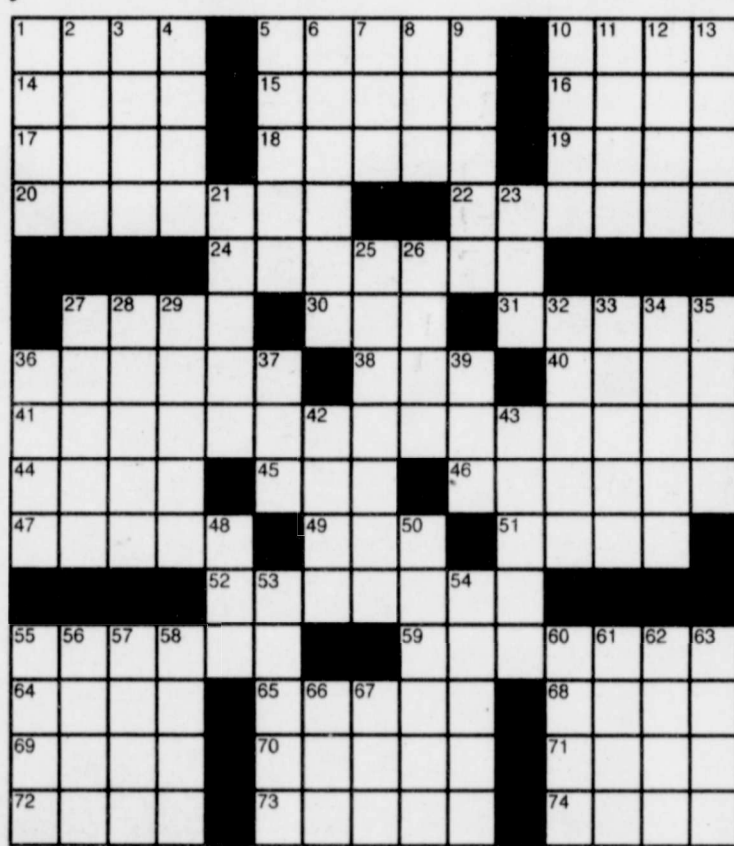
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# BIG WEST CONFERENCE Tournament Preview

Frank Stranzl  
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The anomaly that was the 2004-05 season will not repeat itself this year — lose and the season is over, because the winner of the Big West tournament will receive the lone conference bid to March Madness.

Four months of intense competition and all that matters is a win on March 11 at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena. Just like last year, Pacific will be the favorite to earn the Big West automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, but this time there is less room for error.

Pacific's success this year didn't come without doubters. Following the program's best season in school history, including a trip to the second round of the NCAA tournament, Pacific was picked to finish second by both the coaches and media pre-season polls. Yet, despite losing six of its top seven scorers to graduation, one of which was 2004-05 Big West Player of the Year David Doubly, the Tigers are still on top of the Big West.

"Our guys have carried over a tradition," Pacific coach Bob Thomason said. "I told people at the media day we should be on top, we've done it the last two years. You should pick the top dog until they've been knocked off."

Thomason, the Big West Coach of the Year for a third consecutive season, has no reason to keep a modest tongue about his program's success. The Tigers have become the Big West mainstay in March Madness, receiving two of the conference's last three automatic berths and an at-

large bid last season.

The Tigers (22-7, 12-2) are led this season by a pair of first team all-conference players. Senior forward Christian Maraker, the 2005-06 Big West Player of the Year, was second in the conference in scoring while averaging 17.2 points per game and leading the conference in rebounds with nine per game. Teammate and senior guard Johnny Gray also had a

ing the best right now of everyone in the tournament," UC Santa Barbara coach Bob Williams said.

Williams' feelings were often repeated during the Big West conference call on Monday.

Last year, the Tigers were the favorites to win the tournament after navigating conference play unscathed at 18-0. However, Utah State upended the Tigers in the tournament championship. Pacific had to sit through "Selection Sunday" knowing its fate rested in someone else's hands. They wound

at-large berth?

"Those are always fun things to talk about," Thomason said. "We don't get mentioned at all, we haven't all year. We understand we need to win the tournament to go to the NCAAs."

The ESPN.com "Bubble Watch" lists a pair of teams the Tigers beat, but not Pacific. Texas A&M (20-7, 10-6) is in the "Should be in" category, while Western Kentucky (22-6, 14-2) shows up in the "Work left to do" section.

a huge difference between the top of their league and the top of ours."

Based solely on the Ratings-Percentage-Index, the MVC is notably better than the Big West this season with six teams in the top 50. Pacific, the top-rated school in the Big West, sits at 104.

Experts predict anywhere from four to six teams from the Missouri Valley Conference could qualify for the N C A A

tournament.

Multiple bids for mid-major conferences are an increasing trend.

Several others have a legitimate shot at sending more than one to the NCAA tournament.

Both Hofstra and George Mason are tournament worthy from the Colonial Athletic

Association while the University of North Carolina Wilmington won the conference tournament and an automatic bid. Conference USA also has a good shot to send two teams with Memphis a lock and University of Alabama-Birmingham recently entering the equation.

## The rest of the Big West field

While every coach pointed to Pacific as the favorite, unexpected outcomes are a trend in March.

"If you can win a couple games and get on a roll, it's tough for those other teams to beat you," Cal Poly coach Kevin Bromley said.

Bromley's Mustangs (9-18, 7-7) were 2-8 heading into Big West play with wins against a pair of

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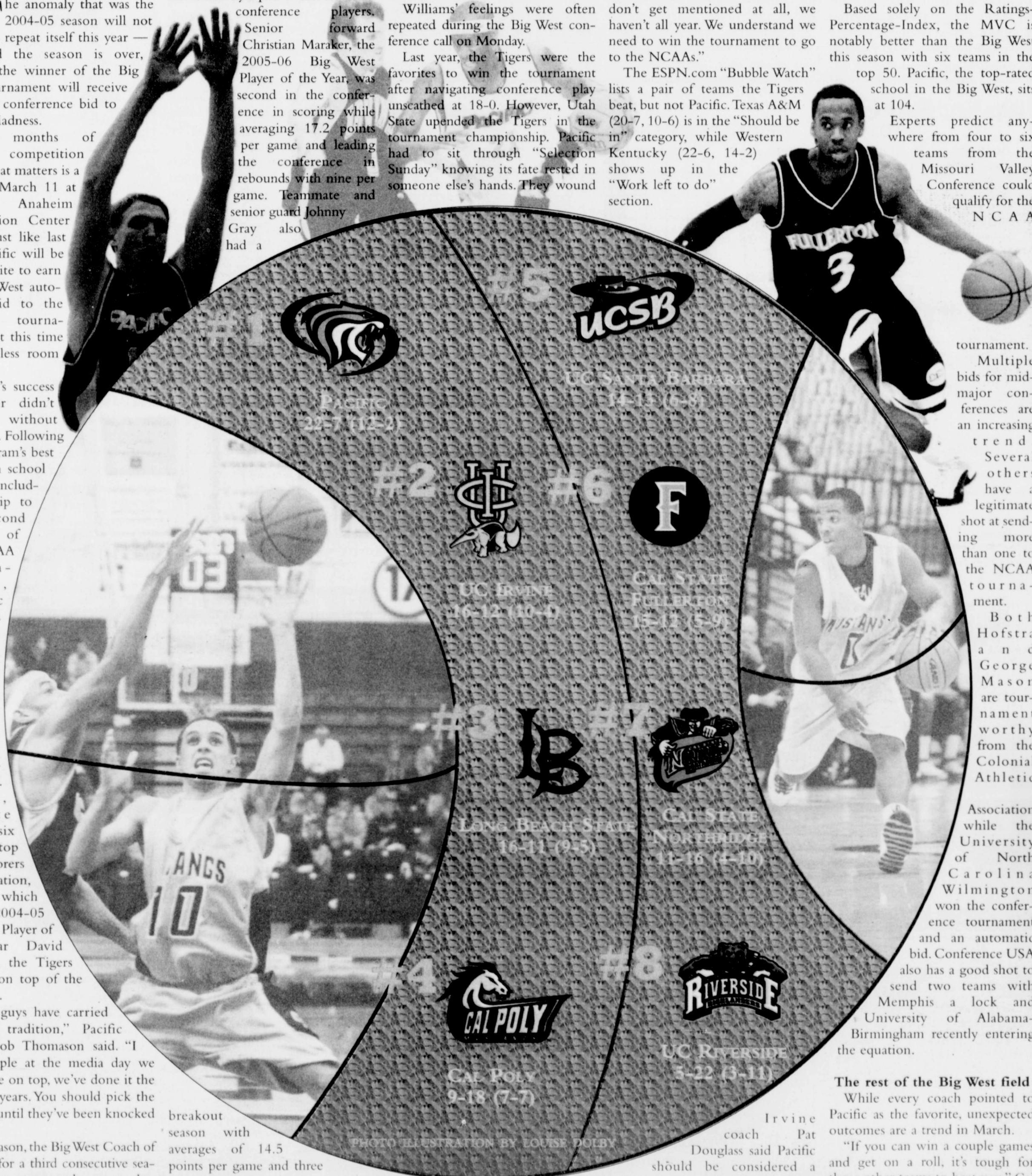


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breakout season with averages of 14.5 points per game and three assists per game.

Talent and coaching aside, the Tigers also have momentum in their favor. Pacific has won 10 straight Big West games and 11 of their last 12.

"There's no doubt UOP is play-

up with an at-large bid, giving the Big West a rare two-team representation in the tournament.

What if the Tigers lose this year? Do they stand a chance of another

Irvine coach Pat Douglass said Pacific should be considered a bubble team and that the Big West is underrated.

"I've watched a lot of tape on the Missouri Valley Conference, we played Drake, and they're overhyped," Douglass said. "There's not